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Jail. Duck boat tragedy

▶ Tug boat mate Devlin, seen after his sentencing yesterday, received 366 days in jail.

One year, one day in river deaths

The man at the helm of a tugboat and barge that crushed a Ride the Ducks boat full of tourists in 2010 on the Delaware River received his sentence yesterday in a tearful courtroom. "I live every single day with this in my mind, in my heart. I look at my children and couldn't imagine not having them around," Matthew Devlin told the judge. "To the family of the [two Hungarian students killed], I am so sorry." {page 02}

Texting at wheel will be primary offense

▶ Gov. Corbett expected to sign law that allows cops to pull over drivers for texting ▶ After seven-year fight, bill easily passed ▶ Doesn't affect talking {page 04}

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Score one for the little guys

▶ Bank of America backtracks on planned $5 debit fees {page 05}

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Apology, regret from tug mate

Mournful tug boat mate, family of Hungarian tourists speak at emotional hearing ◆ Matthew Devlin permanently forfeits his maritime license ◆ Prosecutors say sentence sends message against cellphones

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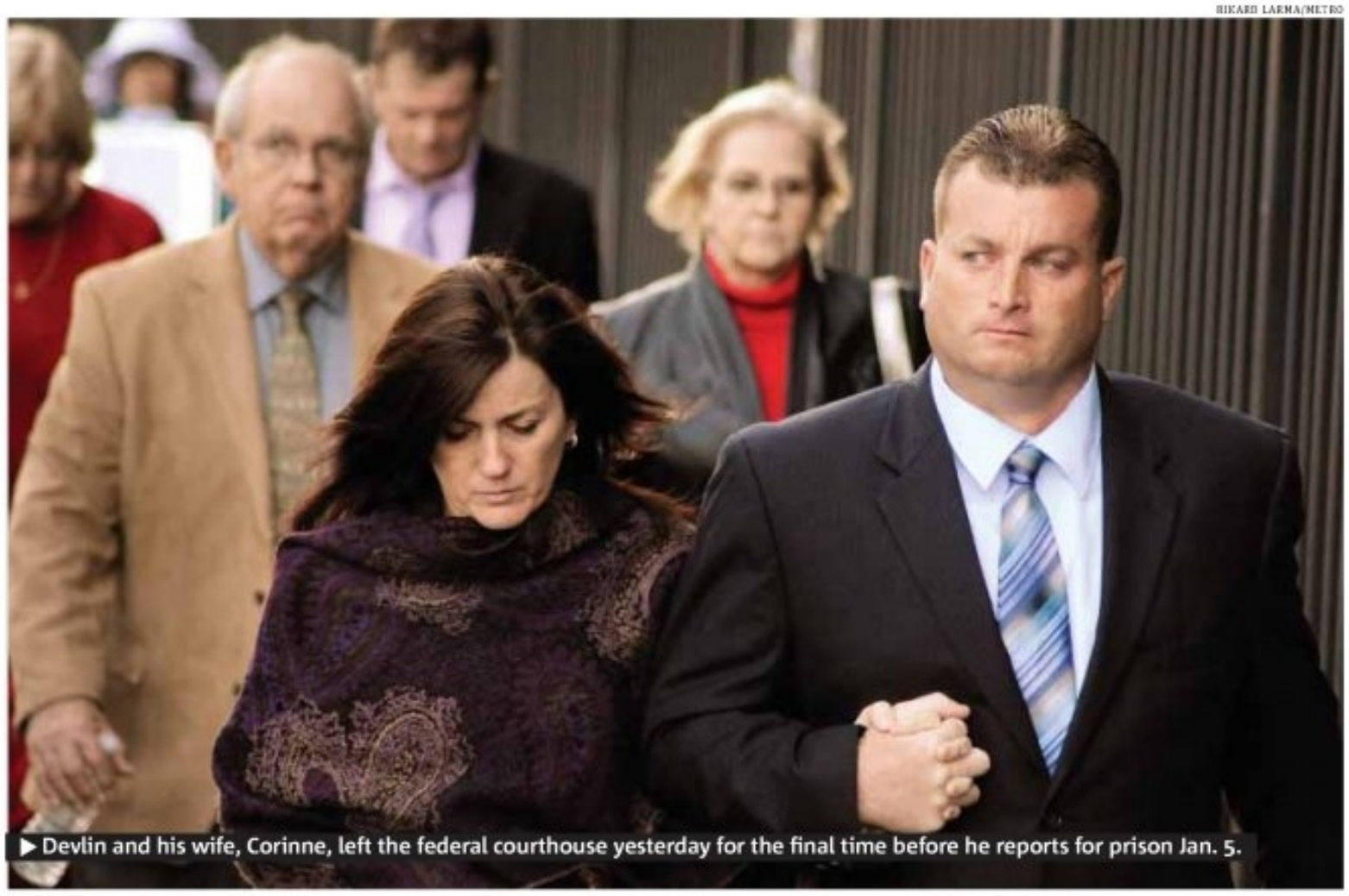

▶ Devlin and his wife, Corinne, left the federal courthouse yesterday for the final time before he reports for prison Jan. 5.

The tug operator involved in the deadly duck boat crash on the Delaware River that killed two people was sentenced yesterday to one year and one day in prison.

Matthew Devlin, 35, of Catskill, N.Y., pleaded guilty Aug. 1 to misconduct of a ship operator causing death. Devlin admitted that he violated company policy by being on the phone and a laptop computer for about an hour leading up to the July 7, 2010, crash dealing with an emergency involving his young son's surgery.

U.S. District Court Judge Legrome Davis heard more than three hours of emotional testimony, including video segments from the parents of slain Hungarian tourists Szabolcs Prem, 20, and Dora Schwendtner, 16, Devlin and his wife. In handing down the sentence, Davis acknowledged that it was a hard case with "permanent sadness" on both sides, but noted the need to send a message to other operators about the dangers of distracted driving.

"You're pushing a barge down the river that's almost the size of a football field. Very few people are entrusted with that responsibility ... It's fair for us as a society to expect them to do their job," Davis said.

Prosecutors said they believe the sentence will deter similar behavior.

"This is very important that operators of mass transportation know that you can't be using all these wonderful electronic devices we have while they're carrying out their duties," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Zauzmer. "It's a significant problem that we've seen in other accidents, and this sentence today sends a very clear message that there are consequences to be paid."

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Years of supervised release after he serves his jail term. As a condition of his plea, he permanently forfeited his mariner's license.

One action that really cost him

Davis chided Devlin for not asking for relief, using his phone and the laptop, operating from the lower wheelhouse where he had reduced visibility, but he considered Devlin's decision to turn down the radios most egregious.

"That's a choice that was so fundamentally in conflict with what you had been trained to do. If you hadn't done that you wouldn't be here," Davis said.

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City wants end to tip-taking

CITY HALL. City Council gave preliminary approval yesterday to a bill that would stop restaurants from taking a portion of waiters' tips to offset processing fees when diners pay with credit cards.

The Pennsylvania Restaurant Association opposed the legislation, saying it would force restaurants to raise menu prices or accept tips in cash only.

The bill, sponsored by Councilman Jim Kenney, has the support of the Nutter administration.

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Man lit on fire dies in Chester

DELAWARE COUNTY. Chester police discovered a man burning alive Monday night, but they found him too late to save him.

Officers were called to the 200 block of West Elkington Avenue around 10:45 p.m. for reports of a brush fire. Instead, they found a partially-dressed man consumed by flames city police said yesterday.

The victim was alive when the fire was extinguished, but he died on the scene. He was not identified. METRO/AW

Occupiers bewildered by reporters

CITY HALL. Occupy Philly held its first press conference yesterday afternoon.

The event was intended to clarify written exchanges between protesters and the city and to endorse today's general strike.

The mood became uncomfortable following their announcements, as speakers seemed caught off-guard by questions posed by the media and would not directly answer them. METRO/AW

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In the news

Mummer in court for sex charges

The man accused of leading a prostitution ring inside a Mummer's club was held for trial yesterday. Lawrence Crovetti, 65, was busted Oct. 11 along with 10 women and two other men during a raid. Authorities allege Crovetti arranged for the women to be there and perform sex acts. METRO

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Mobster's son busted in racket

▶ Scarfo

NEW JERSEY. Nicodemo "Nicky" Scarfo, the son of jailed former mob boss "Little Nicky" Scarfo, was arrested in Atlantic City yesterday and charged with 12 others for allegedly running a $12 million racketeering ring.

The 25-count indictment filed in Camden federal court alleges that the men forcefully took over Texas-based financial company FirstPlus Financial Group, Inc. in 2007 through "threats of physical and economic harm."

The suspects allegedly spent the money on an $850,000 yacht, Scarfo's $715,000 home in Galloway near Atlantic City, a Bentley and jewelry for Scarfo's wife.

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Drive to stop texting and driving nears end

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Beware, drivers, state and local cops will soon have eyes peeled for busy fingers.

▶ Gov. Corbett will sign long-sought bill into law soon as today ▶ Bill only addresses texting, not talking

Ever since he first went to Harrisburg in 2004 as a freshman state representative from Montgomery County, Josh Shapiro persistently pursued legislation to penalize those who text while driving.

His persistence, it appears, has finally paid off.

The state House overwhelmingly approved legislation, 187 to 8, that makes texting and driving a primary motor vehicle offense, allowing police to pull over drivers if they see motorists typing into their cellphones.

A spokesman for state Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware County, said the Senate was expected to swiftly sign off on Shapiro's legislation and send it to Gov. Tom Corbett's desk for his signature.

Corbett last week said, "Send me that bill."

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Fine for each offense, "relatively low because my objective was not to be punitive," Shapiro said, adding it was about road safety.

For Shapiro, all the sweat and hard work the last seven years was worth the victory.

"Someone I met last week told me, 'keep fighting those guys in Harrisburg,'" Shapiro said of opposition to the bill. "Ninety percent of the public support it. What's evident by the vote is commonsense prevailed."

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HUP performs rare transplant

An extremely rare double hand transplant was performed recently at the Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania, officials announced yesterday.

The operation took 11 and a half hours to complete and the patient is progressing well, HUP officials said of the surgery that took place in September. Doctors would not identify either the recipient or donor.

For this operation to be successful, a team of 30 members was put in place, which included 12 surgeons, 15 nurses and three anesthesiologists. METRO

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You win: BofA drops $5 debit fee

Bank of America Corp. scrapped plans to charge a $5 per-month debit fee, handing a victory to consumers and protesters angry with big banks.

The second-biggest U.S. bank, whose shares were down more than 3 percent, said yesterday that the move was in response to customer feedback and competition. Bank of America was under pressure to make the change as rivals backtracked from plans to charge customers for using their debit cards.

"It's a sign of consumer power in action," said Norma Garcia, manager of the financial services program for Consumers Union. "This is a sign of the marketplace working."

Last week JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Wells Fargo & Company decided to cancel test programs, while SunTrust Banks Inc. and Regions Financial Corp. said on Monday that they would end monthly charges and reimburse customers. REUTERS

'Amazing victory'

U.S. Sen. Richard Durbin, the author of the swipe fee legislation, told reporters on Capitol Hill that the reversal by major banks was "an amazing victory" for consumers across the country.

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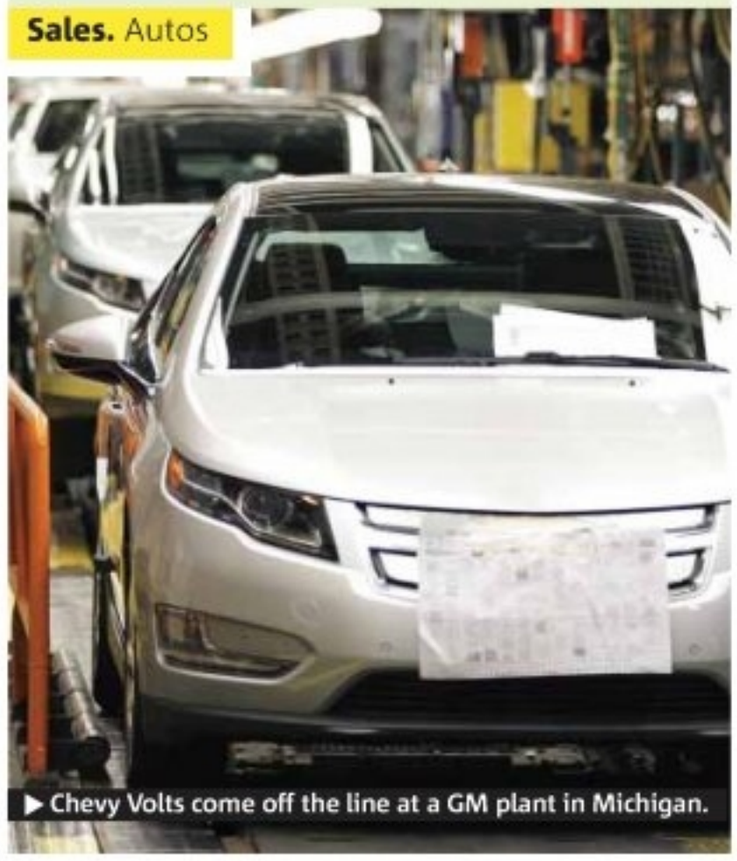

▶ Chevy Volts come off the line at a GM plant in Michigan.

Good October for autos

U.S. auto sales rose to near their highest level of 2011 in October, early sales results showed, although shares in General Motors Co. and other automakers tumbled on concern that the industry's slow recovery could falter. REUTERS

Cain tries to limit the damage to campaign

WASHINGTON. Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain faced fresh pressure yesterday to explain allegations of sexual harassment and contain a crisis threatening his 2012 bid.

Cain declared himself the victim of a "smear campaign" a day after giving conflicting accounts of whether a woman who accused him of sexual harassment was paid a settlement to end her complaint.

In speeches and media appearances, Cain first said on Monday he was unaware that a settlement had been paid. By the end of the day he had backtracked.

But yesterday, Cain acknowledged that a cash payout was made to a woman who filed a harassment claim when she worked at the National Restaurant Association in the 1990s when he headed the organization. REUTERS

Wall St. slides on referendum

NEW YORK. Stocks tumbled 2 percent yesterday after a surprise proposal that Greeks should vote on a EU bailout plan threatened to upend weeks of painstaking negotiations and unleash the region's sovereign debt crisis with renewed force.

Analysts said if Greek voters reject the unpopular bailout in a referendum proposed by Greek Premier George Papandreou, it would result in a "hard default" by Greece, causing bigger losses for banks and raising the threat of systemic risk. REUTERS

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Emergency landing for plane from NY

Plane touches down at Warsaw airport 230 aboard uninjured after landing gear failure on Boeing 767

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▶ LOT said the hydraulic system responsible for operating the wing flaps and the landing gear failed, and backup systems worked only for the flaps — forcing the emergency landing.

No one was hurt when a Boeing 767 flying from New York with some 230 people on board made an emergency landing at Warsaw's airport yesterday after trouble with landing gear.

"All safety procedures worked perfectly fine and, thanks to this, nobody was injured," said Leszek Chorzewski, spokesman for the Polish national flag carrier LOT, operator of the plane.

Live television footage showed the Boeing craft landing on its belly, with a few sparks flying as it hit the runway covered with flame retardant foam. There was no blaze but firefighters hosed the plane with water and foam as a precautionary measure.

Poland's President Bronislaw Komorowski said he would award state decorations to the crew of the plane after briefly talking to the pilot on the phone.

"To all those involved, I say thank you with all my heart," Komorowski told a news conference. REUTERS

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– Dorothy Robinson will return on Thursday.

Divorcing with the Kardashians, Part 2

Wait — you didn't really think we were done with **Kim Kardashian**, did you? Far from it, kupcakes. When there's a four-hour reality TV special on your $10 million wedding, you better believe there's weeks worth of gossip when you divorce 72 days later (and no, we will never get tired of the wonderful numbers in this story).

Here's your daily dose, which we recommend taking with food and a strong drink:

▶ Won't somebody think of the diamonds?! This, we're told, is what 20 carats looks like.

On the rocks

In the divorce filing, Kim asked that jewelry acquired during their marriage remain hers, according to E! Online. The actual pieces are unspecified, and we don't put it past this girl to accumulate some serious gems in 72 days. That said, we're pretty sure this has something to do with that $2 million diamond on her finger.

Kris Humphries is 'devastated'

While Kim's statement was clearly written by her publicist while she went shopping, **Kris Humphries** was a little less guarded: "I love my wife and am devastated to learn she filed for divorce," he said in a statement to E! News on Monday evening. "I'm committed to this marriage and everything this covenant represents. I'm willing to do whatever it takes to make it work."

Are we starting to … feel bad for a member of the Kardashian family? Make this stop. Make this stop right now.

Our favorite explanation

If we start explaining the divorce, are we accidentally implying that the marriage was real? No matter, this one is too good to pass up: Kim was annoyed that Humphries began "chasing fame" and trying to break into Hollywood, reports TMZ. Save it for your "moving on" special, lady.

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Lohan back in court today

Lindsay's back for another probation hearing today, and she's changed her tune. She'll admit to previously violating her probation, says TMZ, and ask the judge for mercy, as she's now working hard at the morgue. We're betting she lands in jail anyway — if there's one thing we know after this week, it's that there will be no mercy for gossip columnists who want to make it home in time for "Modern Family."

Fine, we'll bite, Jessica

After Kardashiangate broke, **Jessica Simpson** must have finally realized no one was going to pay her the $500,000 she was hoping to score for her pregnancy announcement. Monday night, she posted a photo of herself on her personal website in a tight mummy costume, holding her pregnant belly with the caption "It's true, I'm going to be a mummy." Congrats, Jess — months ago.

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Kelly Osbourne is well-dressed, Iman is trying to keep up with the Kardashians, Mindy Kaling has big dreams and Donald Glover knows what he likes.

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the most important thing a girl wears is her confidence!

▶ **@The_Real_IMAN**
i don't watch much tv! but how many days of marriage we're talking about? i'm always so late with these pop culture news!

▶ **@mindykaling**
Can everyone buy my book please? I wanna quit the business and homeschool my kids real weird

▶ **@DonaldGlover**
P.S. If you're a racially ambiguous girl in an insurance ad, I will crush on you something stupid.

Glover

Talking points

Demi dressing up, going out

Demi Moore hit the town recently, shaking off her recent marital troubles to enjoy a star-studded Halloween party in Beverly Hills, according to Us Weekly. "She was having fun, [and] she drank. But she wasn't the belle of the ball. Everyone at the party was drunk," a source says.

Moore

Scarlett talks nude photos

Scarlett Johansson opened up about the nude photos that surfaced in September in a new interview with Vanity Fair. Turns out, they were for her now-ex, Ryan Reynolds: "There's nothing wrong with that. It's not like I was shooting a porno. Although there's nothing wrong with that either."

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A scary flight for Depp

Johnny Depp had a brush with death on a private plane recently. "The plane just shut down. The sound of the engines stopped," Depp tells Life magazine of a flight he took with "Rum Diary" director **Bruce Robinson**. "Bruce and I were looking at each other, and I think I said, 'Is this it?' It was like this weird extended moment when you're just floating for a second and you could feel this unpleasant descent."

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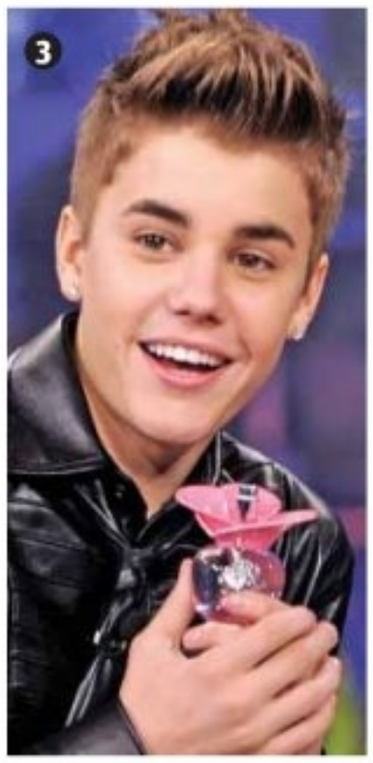

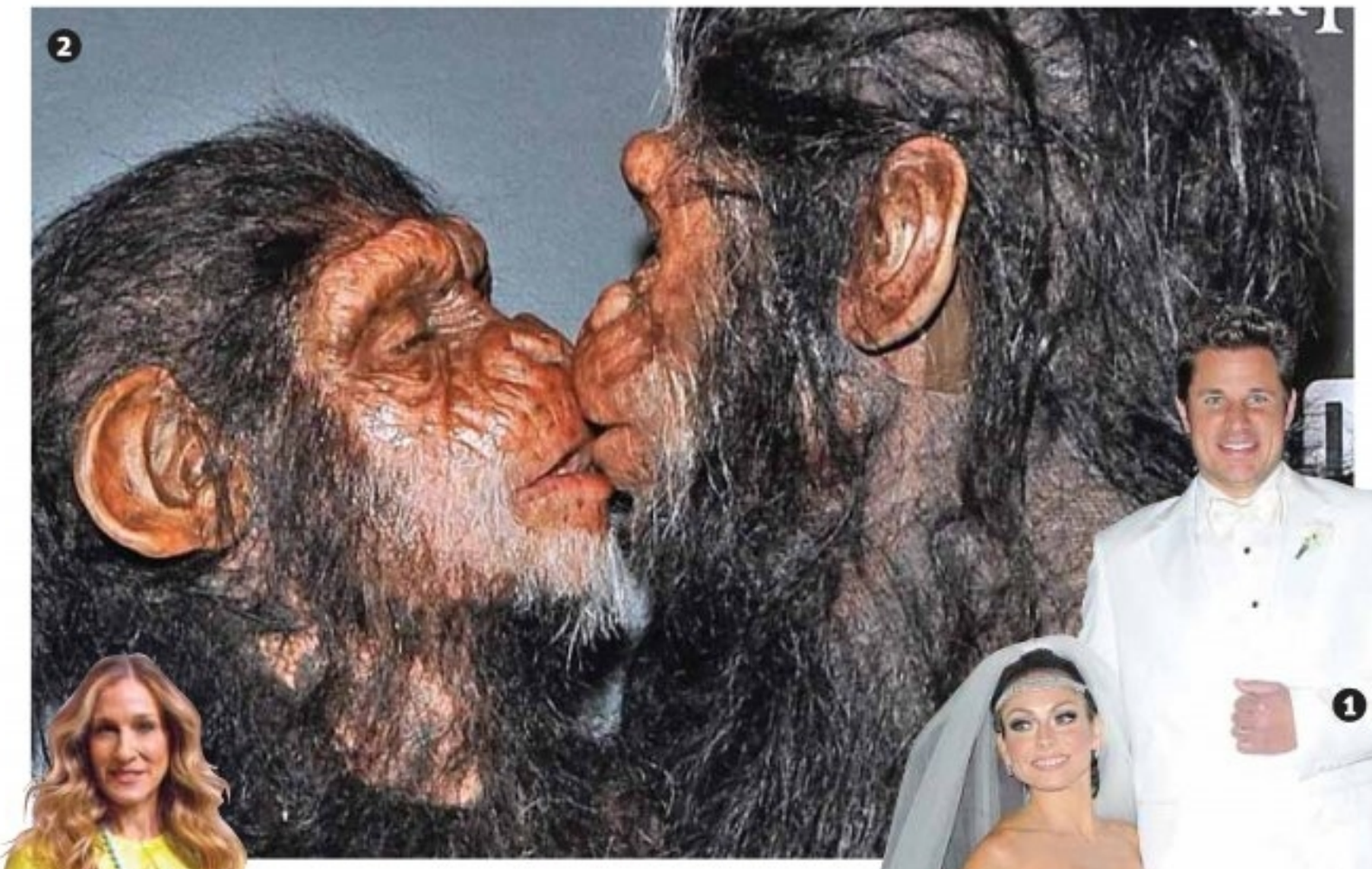

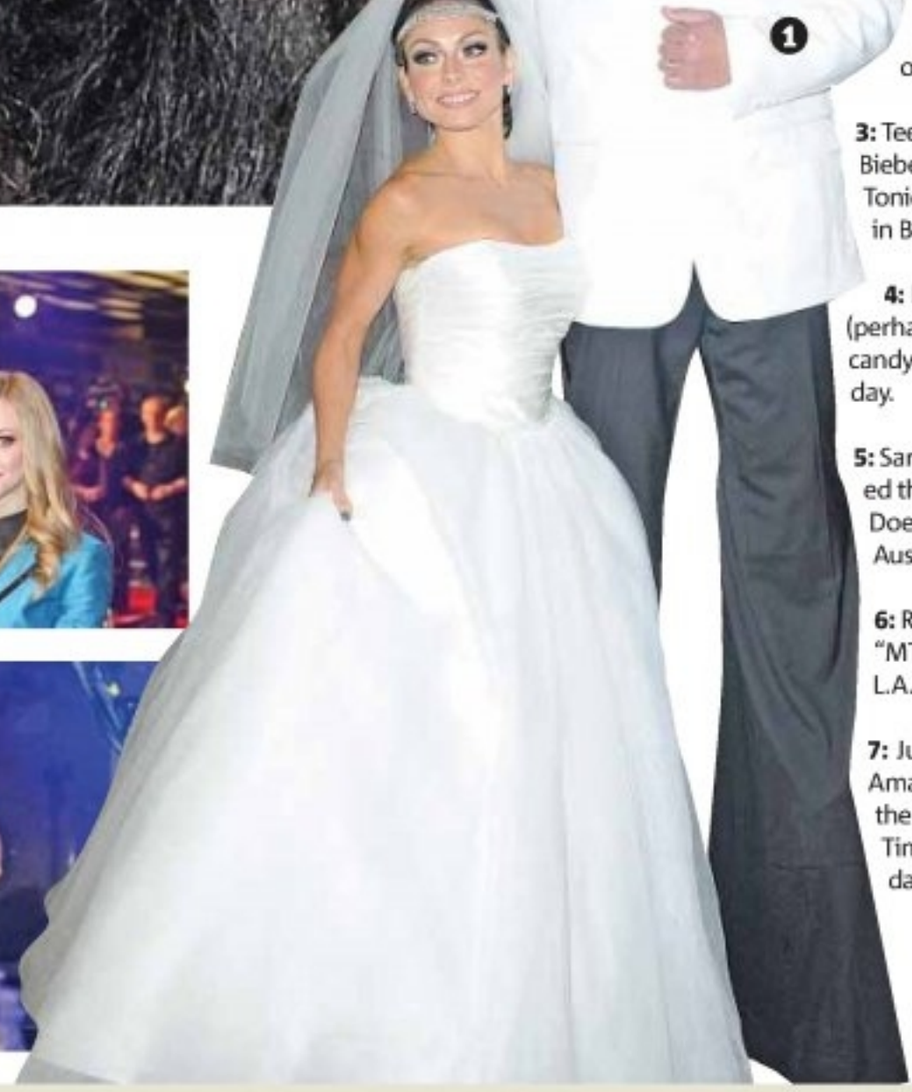

Awesome costumes and more

1: Kelly Ripa and Nick Lachey co-hosted the annual "Live! with Regis and Kelly" Halloween extravaganza on Monday in New York City dressed as Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries. Yup, the same morning Kim filed for divorce.

2: While one couple's love faded into oblivion, another's appeared even stronger. Heidi Klum and Seal showed us they're sticking together for better or for worse as they shared a kiss in full primate costume at Klum's annual Halloween party in NYC on Monday.

3: Teen pop sensation Justin Bieber appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" in Burbank, Calif. on Monday.

4: Liv Tyler was working out (perhaps in anticipation of the candy intake) in NYC on Monday.

5: Sarah Jessica Parker attended the "I Don't Know How She Does It" press conference in Australia yesterday.

6: Robyn rocked it at the "MTV O Music Awards 2" in L.A. on Monday.

7: Justin Timberlake and Amanda Seyfried arrived at the U.K. premiere of "In Time" in London on Monday.

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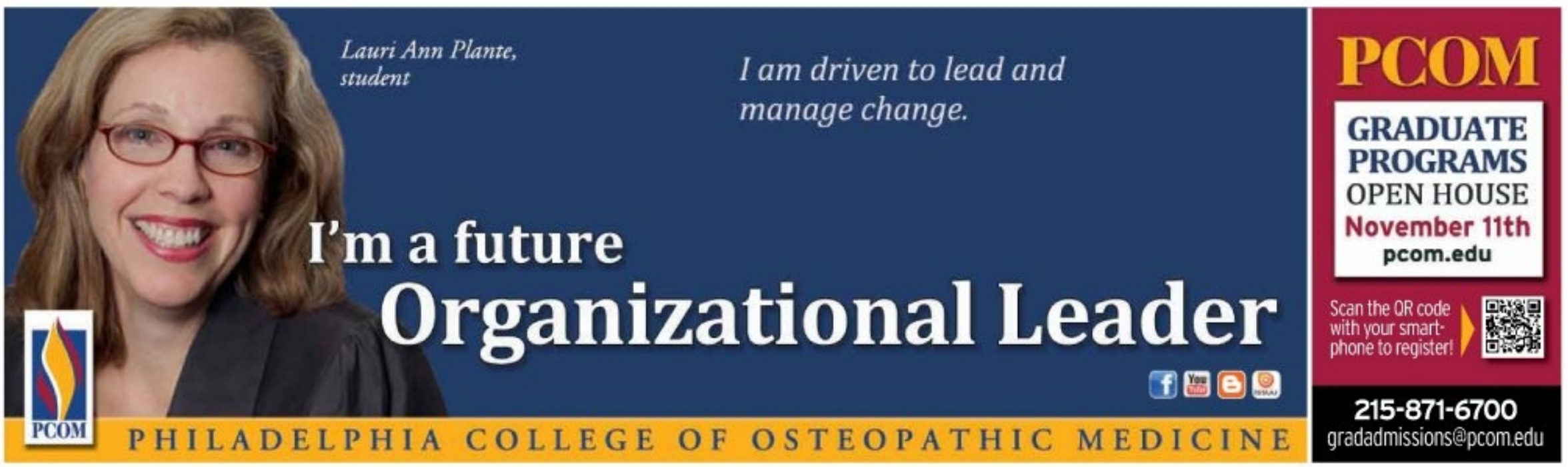

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TV watch list

‘Top Chef’

REALITY. The heat is on in the Lone Star State as the cooking competition moves to San Antonio for Season 9. Twenty-nine chefs are thrown into a pressure cooker of a challenge, with only 16 cheftestants moving onto Episode 2.
Season premiere
10 p.m., Bravo

‘Up All Night’

COMEDY. For the sake of her daughter, Reagan pretends to get along with her parents. In 30 years, she’ll find out just how well that little life lesson worked out.
8 p.m., NBC

‘The X Factor’

REALITY. Get ready for a full two hours of live performance and a Paula-Nicole crying showdown.
8 p.m., Fox

‘American Horror Story’

DRAMA. Part 2 of this creeptastic series’ Halloween episode finds Ben and Vivien haunted by one of their house’s new guests. But really, isn’t every day at this place Halloween?
10 p.m., FX AMBER RAY

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▶ From left: Judges Gail Simmons, Padma Lakshmi and Tom Colicchio do “Top Chef” Texas-style. Now where did Tom leave his cowboy hat?

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'Marathon Boy'

Premieres tomorrow at 8 p.m. on HBO

Most people can't imagine running one marathon in their lifetime. Budhia Singh ran 48 marathons by the age of 4. This fascinating story, filmed with unprecedented access over a five-year period, details the rise of a boy who was born into poverty, taken in by a master showman who recognized his natural talent for long-distance running and exploited en route to becoming a national hero.

'The Bengali Detective'

Premieres Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. on HBO2

The plot almost plays out like a Kolkata-set episode of "Bored to Death" — Rajesh Ji, founder of the Always Investigating & Security Concern detective agency, is a Bollywood-obsessed private eye who solves crimes (from the counterfeiting of fake-hair goods to murder) for citizens who have lost trust in local authorities.

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'The Sound of Mumbai: A Musical'

Premieres Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. on HBO2

Performing "The Sound of Music" offers the chance to dream of a life off the streets as the Bombay Chamber Orchestra recruits kids from the slums to stage a one-time-only choral concert of the Rogers and Hammerstein score. And 11-year-old solo performer Ashish is dreaming big — he hopes to inspire a patron to sponsor his education, or maybe even win the affections an upper-class girl.

'Pink Saris'

Premieres Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. on HBO2

Amid devastating stories of abuse against women in arranged marriages in Northern India, hope comes in the form of a pink sari. Sampat Pal escaped her own horrors — she was often beaten by the family she was married into as a young girl — to found the Gulabi Gang (aka the Pink Gang), a vigilante group who, yes, don bright pink clothes, but also battle antiquated caste traditions that endanger women.

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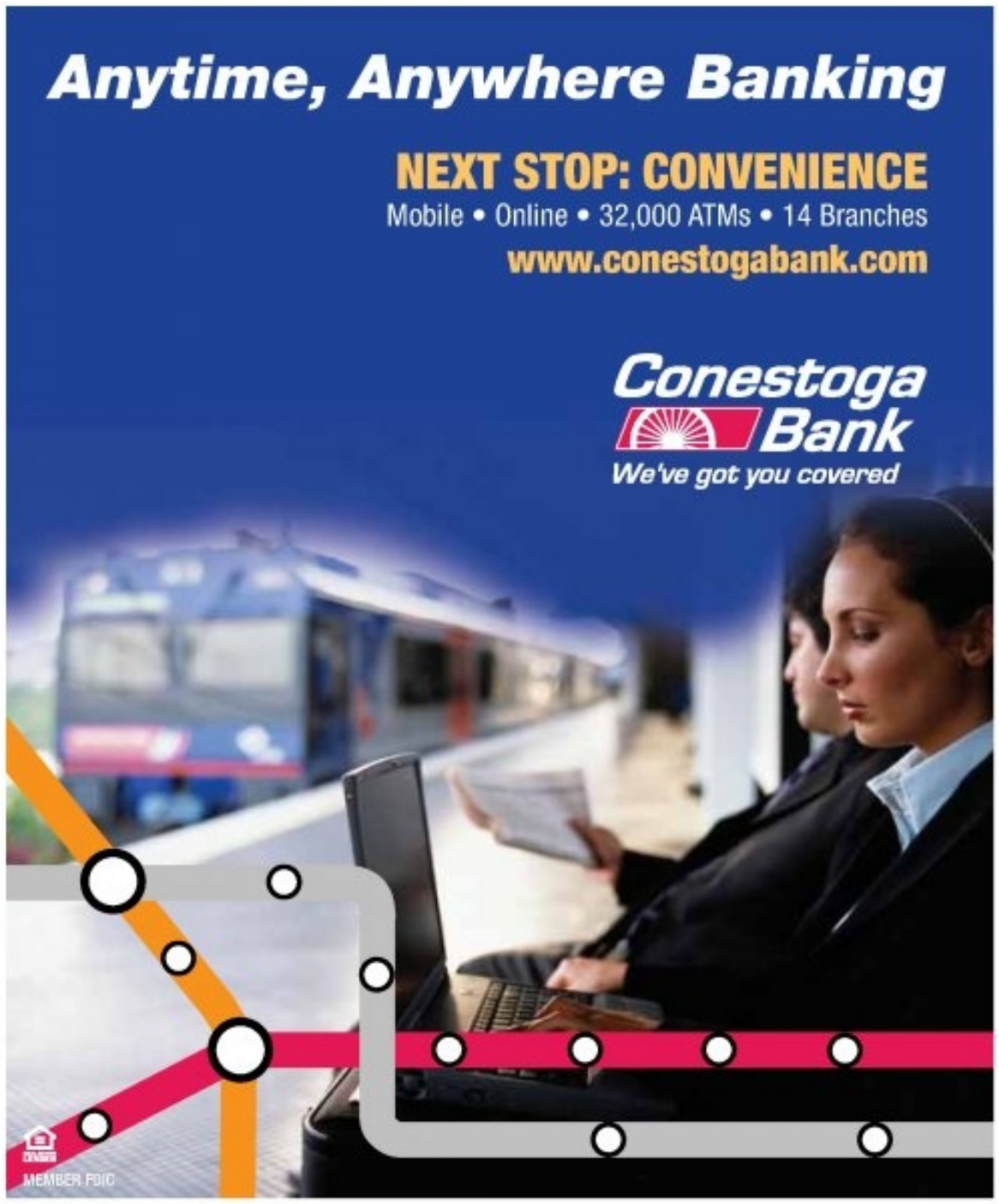

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The patience of a Saint

St. Vincent's Annie Clark is all out of words to describe her latest album, 'Strange Mercy' Maybe her third and most interesting work is best left unexplained

Annie Clark has been talking a lot about her most recent album, "Strange Mercy." A lot. When we phoned her on the road, she even let a little of her frustration slip when she put us on hold to answer the door of her hotel room.

"Hey! Come in. I'm just in f—in' interviews forever," we hear her say to the person at her door. Then she returns to our call. "Sorry, I didn't mean 'f—ing interviews,' I meant 'Interviews!," she says, trying to muster enthusiasm for ours in a long line of conversations with the press.

But who could blame the woman? With her third and possibly most accomplished and complex work, she's had to try to define a sound that is at times gorgeously lush and melodic, then coarse and macabre a moment later.

"I think my least favorite question sometimes would be, 'how would you describe your music?'" Clark says. "I'm just like, 'You're a journalist. I think that's your job. I have no idea. If I did, I would be ghost writing awesome reviews.' I have no idea. The most I can do is make it and try to get out of the way and try to say things in interviews that don't diminish the meaning of the music for a fan."

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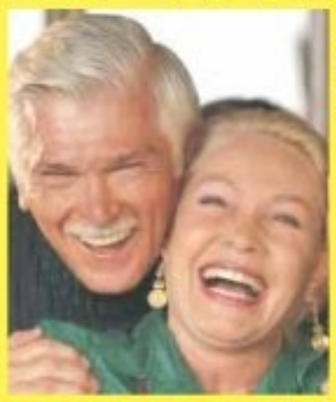

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▶ Annie Clark gets a hand.

"Touring takes its own special part of the brain and writing takes its own special thing, which is solitude and you don't get tons of solitude on the road." CLARK

Clark might be wise to leave so much of her work unexplained, as it is its unknowable strangeness that is one of the most appealing aspects to her fervent fans. And while many are already anticipating her next release, don't expect the Texas native to start writing anytime soon.

"Touring takes its own special part of the brain and writing takes its own special thing, which is solitude and you don't get tons of solitude on the road, and you don't get lots of quietude" she says. "Those things are really necessary for me to write."

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Q&A

Do you find yourself rewriting songs on tour?

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Unravelling the knit craze

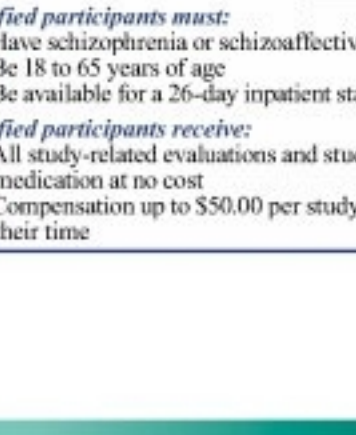
Knitwear has surfaced in a big way this season. And we don't mean the sweater granny crocheted for you. Here are some statement, winter woolies to keep you cozy and chic in the chilly months ahead.

Stripes

Whether it's a bold autumnal number or Breton-style, it's time to show your stripy side.

▶ **1. Marc by Marc Jacobs silk knit, $322,** www.my-wardrobe.com

▶ **2. ASOS stripe crew neck, $43,** www.asos.com



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▶ **3. Topman, $80,** www.topman.com

▶ **4. Paul Smith, $310,** www.paulsmith.co.uk

Chunky

Extra padding is a must on those bitterly cold, winter mornings — just ask any self-respecting sheep farmer.

▶ **5. Acne Helsinki, $420,** www.acnestudios.com

▶ **6. Zara mohair sweater, $80,** www.zara.com

Cable

Yes, the cable knit is a classic. But it's never looked more relevant than now.

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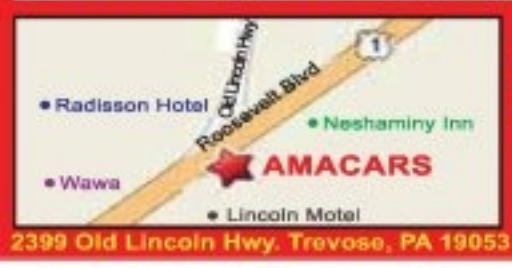

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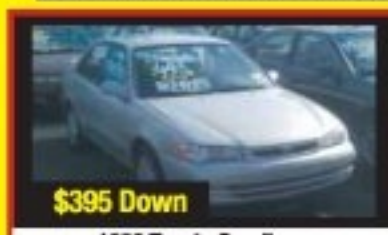

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The details on diabetes

It's been linked to heart disease, stroke, blindness and a slew of other medical problems What you can do today to lower your risk

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An estimated 8 percent of the nation's population has diabetes.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month, and with the American Diabetes Association reporting an estimated 25.8 million diabetics across the nation, including 1.9 million new adult cases last year, it's time to get proactive in preventing this potentially fatal condition.

Diabetes is characterized by big surges in blood glucose levels. Unfortunately, Type 1, or juvenile diabetes, is not preventable. It occurs when the body doesn't produce insulin, the hormone that regulates blood sugar levels. Type 2, the more common type, occurs when insulin response is compromised by unnatural surges in blood sugar that the body just can't manage. However, it is largely preventable.

"People can lower their risk of getting Type 2 diabetes through lifestyle changes, such as regular exercise and a good diet," says Lisa M. Davis, Ph.D., the director of research and development for Medifast, a weight loss meal replacement program. "Losing just 5 percent of your body weight can significantly lower your risk. For people with Type 2 diabetes who are overweight or obese, one of the most effective strategies for reversing the disease is losing weight and getting active."

The average person doesn't need superhero skills in the kitchen to temper the condition either — just the will to cut down on sugars and starches. "A well-balanced diet that emphasizes low-glycemic foods [like fruits, vegetables, beans and whole grains] will help. These do not cause sudden upsurges in blood sugar levels," says Davis. "Exercise is also critical. It helps by sensitizing the cells that take up excess sugar from our bloodstream and making them work more efficiently."

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Interview

The Sorvinos lend support

Mira Sorvino doesn't have diabetes, but her father, actor Paul Sorvino, does. The duo are educating others on the condition through their work with Sanofi's Diabetes Co-Stars, a campaign underscoring caregiver support.

Mira and Paul Sorvino

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"Part of what you have to do is encourage the person who's living with diabetes to stay on the straight and narrow, which can be rough, especially if other people are pushing unhealthy choices on them," Mira says. "Dad is following his doctor's orders: He's taking his medication, he's exercising a lot more and he's really changed his diet. I'm very proud of him."

The Oscar-winning actress says that tackling the illness head-on is important.

"I think that many people try and wish it away," Mira says. "If you stay on top of it it's a very manageable condition. It doesn't have to ruin your life: You just have to face it with courage and it's a lot easier to face it with support."

"There's an Italian saying," Paul adds. "Not every ill comes to destroy you. This forces me to think about things in a healthier way."

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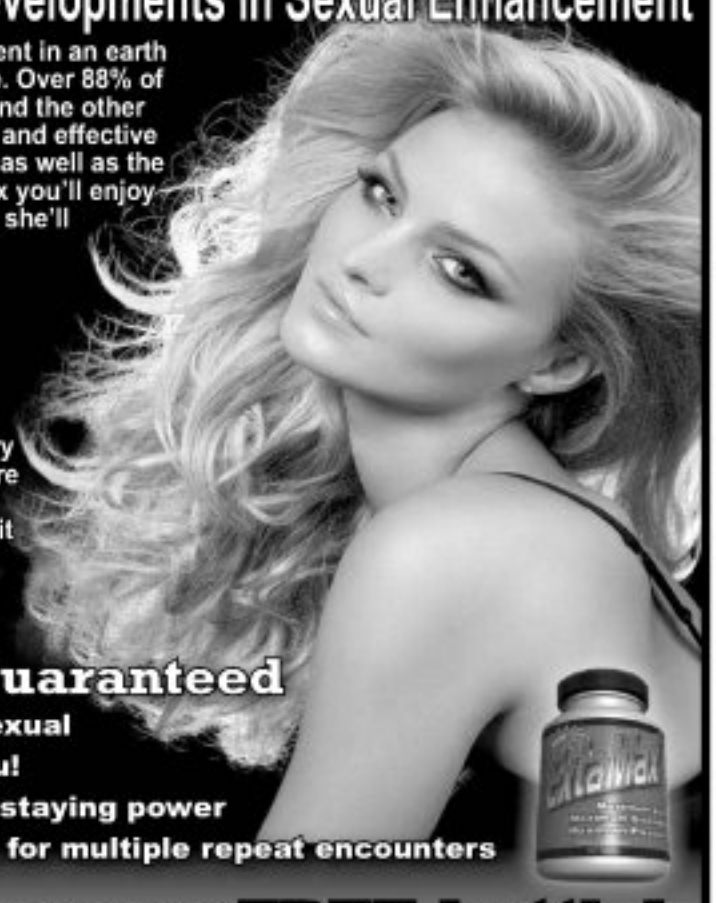

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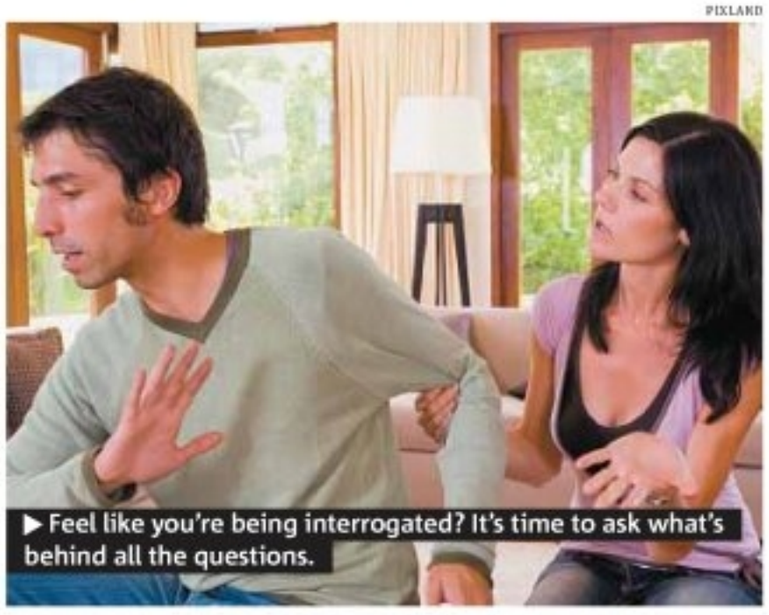
I've been dating a woman for two years. I like her very much and she's a lot of fun. The problem is she frequently brings up my past. I'm 33 years old and she's 30. I've dated lots of women before her and she's unaccepting of the fact that I've had sex before I met her. What do I do?



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▶ Feel like you're being interrogated? It's time to ask what's behind all the questions.

Since your girlfriend takes issue with you having a dating history maybe she needs to find a virgin. It would be difficult for her to find a 33-year-old who hasn't had sex. I assume she herself has no history? If she has, then this is the height of hypocrisy. She's either hugely naive or projecting some of her own issues onto you. Unless you've participated in unlawful or dangerous sexual acts that potentially impact her today, it's none of her business.

You should be commended for being so open and honest about your history. This transparency speaks to your commitment to her. By divulging sexual history, you assume a level of trust that shouldn't be thrown back in your face. She has violated this trust. She needs to get over your past and focus on the present and future. If you're loving, supportive, respectful and have a healthy sex life, then there's no need for her to harp on your sexual history. Ask her what she hopes to gain by bringing up your past girlfriends. My guess is that this is more about her insecurity than your experience.

If this has been going on for two years, it probably isn't going to change. You cannot change a belief system that seems unwavering. You can decide, though, how much you want to be exposed to it. It seems clear that you care about her. However, one of the fundamentals of a healthy relationship is missing: unconditional acceptance. Express to her this unmet need and your desire for full acceptance of who you are now, not whom you dated in the past. If she can't be accepting, then you must move on.

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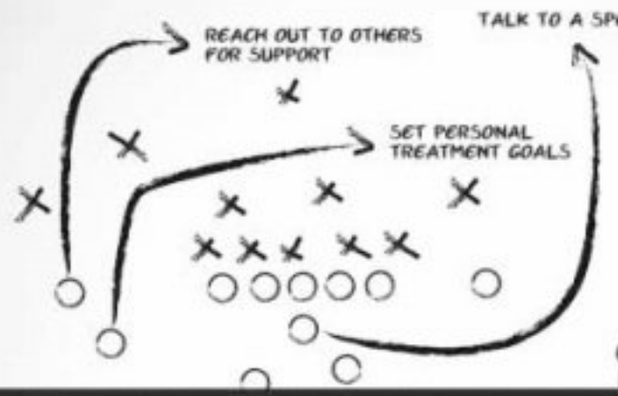

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Gays should be so privileged

Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries had a wedding for publicity purposes and made a mockery of the institution of marriage. After 72 days and millions of dollars later a divorce is pending. But gay men and women who are devoted to their partners are not allowed to marry because of the "sanctity of marriage." What is that I hear or rather don't hear? Silence from conservative groups who always voice their opposition to people who are in love who just happen to be the same gender. There are gay couples that have been together for decades and depending on where they live are unable to wed. Love is love and wanting to make a legal union out of it should not be exclusive to heterosexuals.

GISEL R ENGLISH, VIA EMAIL

Stop 'Keeping Up' with them

Big surprise that Kim Kardashian's marriage is already over! Was this even a serious romance in the first place or just another calculated advertising move by the Kardashian empire? Fueled by the revelation that this family "earned" over 65 million dollars last year, let's all vow to not put an additional dime into the coffers of Kim or her siblings. Boycott their fashions, perfumes and TV shows. Stop giving them your hard-earned money!

RICHARD FEINBERG, VIA EMAIL

Where is the real magic?

Your (Metro Magic) gift suggestions are missing some magic! Why not mention books and arts and craft supplies? The principle I followed when my sons were little was something for the mind, body and spirit. In other words: books, sweaters and toys. I agree that sports equipment is good but minds and hearts need to be active too.

EVE SULLIVAN, VIA EMAIL

The 'American Dream' vs. OWS

I'm a college student graduating next year and six months after that I'll have to face my debt. I'm not in the 1%, but I'm doing what I can to climb the ranks to that 1% because that's the American dream. I have everything I need to move up in our system and it leads me to believe that putting my hand out is below me. If you're able bodied and minded, go get a job and strive to become what you want instead of sitting in a tent begging.

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Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** It might be smart to yield a little on some minor issues in order to avoid locking horns with a family member over a big matter.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Because of your reluctance to be forthright about what is bothering you, many of your companions will find you difficult to understand.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Frivolous activities that don't make any kind of contribution to your material or social well-being shouldn't be given a whole lot of your time.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Your self-image and reputation could suffer greatly if you fail to keep your temper in check, especially when you're around people you like and respect.

♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** If you insist upon dwelling on negatives, you'll elude all possibility of having any success. It's important to strive to be a positive thinker as much and as often as you can.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Keep your snoot out of a friend's business if you see that she or he is unwilling to share something with you. Everyone is entitled to privacy when they feel it's warranted.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** You're in for a big surprise if you think inflexibility will enhance your negotiating skills. All it will do is cause people to turn their backs on you.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** There's nothing to be gained by spreading yourself too thin where your work is concerned. It will gain you a lot of needless frustration when you can't complete all that you want to.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Trying to con a co-worker into doing a job your way will turn into a frustrating experience. If you want things done well, let your colleague call the shots.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Unless you think your way through every step of the day, your gains will be slimmer than a fashion model. If you do things in a haphazard manner, your fragile arrangements will crumble.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You had better stay focused on your endeavors because if you don't, chances are you will make a serious mistake that could require a total makeover.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you intend to go window-shopping at the mall, you'd be smart to leave your credit cards at home. Your resolve to maintain your budget will be weaker than a wet noodle.

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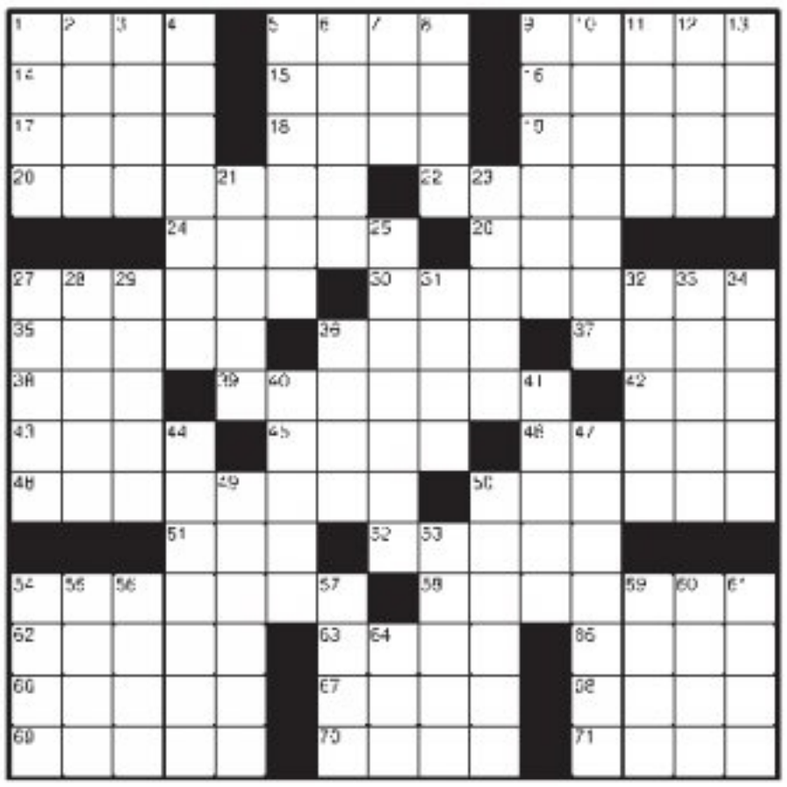

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KIM KARDASHIAN, SHE'S FAN-TASTIC!

Opinion

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Do you watch reality TV? Or, more specifically, anything involving Kim Kardashian? If you do, you're a sucker.

You fell for it. Hook, line and sinker. Operating out of the same playbook that made non-entities like **Paris Hilton**, **Heidi Montag** and **Spencer Whatever-His-Name-Is** fleetingly famous, **Kim Kardashian** concocted a romance with a professional athlete *(Some NBA fans might argue the merits of Kris Humphries, but we'll call him a pro)*, milked it for magazine covers, a TV show and lots of money and — less than three months later — she's dumping him, and hoping to profit again.

Are we complicit because we mention her occasionally in this space? Perhaps. It was one thing when she was dating athletes, but when she noticed her clock ticking last year and started looking to exclusively profit — since she has no other discernable talents — Kim K. became highly mockable.

This week, Kardashian very publicly dumped her husband after 72 days of wedded bliss. One would imagine prior to filing the divorce papers, she hunkered down with her "team" to prepare for the inevitable media onslaught.

The timing of the "announcement" was perfect. Remember, all the celebrity weeklies go to print Monday night, Tuesday morning, so she'll probably be on a few of those covers. But which print outlet will bid highest for the first interview? I'm sure they already have taglines like **"Kim's Heartbreak"** ready to hit the printing presses.

She'll sell her first TV interview, too — only with a new hook, because who would want to hear what they just read in a magazine? You've got to figure the "Today Show," "Good Morning America," Barbara Walters, or one of those tabloid entertainment shows will win out, right?

Kim Kardashian

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▶ Humphries

It's disgustingly pathetic, but if the unwashed masses are willing to eat up the garbage these frauds — yes, Kardashian and her ilk are frauds — are peddling, this cycle will continue.

You think Kardashian gets a TV show without a boyfriend who was a pro athlete playing outside the biggest city in the country?

Of course not.

What if the NBA lockout ended next month and the Oklahoma City Thunder signed Humphries? There's no way she's moving there. The marriage was a sham, people.

But now she'll get a second season of her show because it will be all about her single life in New York or Miami or L.A. Her "team" of advisers will probably target an up-and-coming athlete or once-famous-but-now-desperate actor as a potential suitor.

Welcome to Hollywood!

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'Reno 911!'

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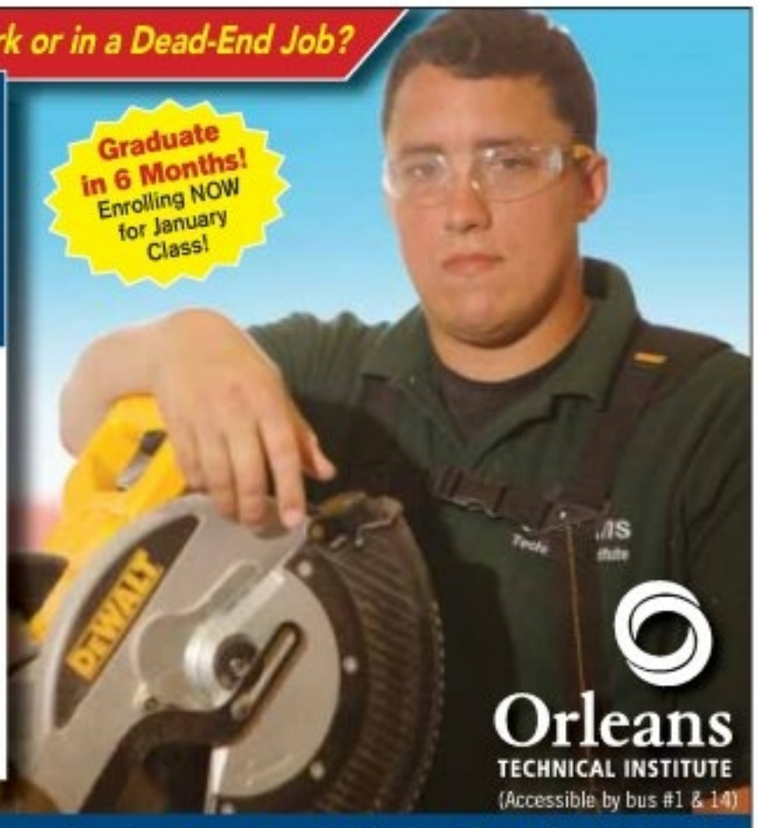

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12 The number of football-only schools the Big East wants. It will be down to just five teams after Pitt, Syracuse and West Virginia leave.

16 Teams currently in the Big East for men's basketball. Even if Temple gets in for football, it doesn't sound like it will be invited for hoops.

No home-field advantage for Temple in Big East

Owls not invited into conference at this time Still could be added as football-only replacement West Virginia files lawsuit against Big East

The Big East held a meeting in Philadelphia — and didn't invite Temple into its hallowed halls.

The league met yesterday at the Philadelphia Airport Marriott and voted to extend invitations to Boise State, Navy and Air Force for football — and then Central Florida, Houston and SMU for all sports.

That means Temple was left on the outside looking in. However, if one of those schools declines, the Owls may be called on as a football-only replacement.

"As we've learned these past two months, don't believe anything anybody tells you. Nothing's done until it's over."
COMMISH JOHN MARINATTO

"As we've learned over these past two months, don't believe anything anybody tells you," Big East commissioner John Marinatto said. "Nothing's done until it's over. So I'm obviously being very cautious, and that's why I'm reluctant to say names of schools."

The Big East is in desperate need of adding more schools, especially for football. Longtime members Pittsburgh and Syracuse are bolting for the ACC, while TCU and West Virginia are heading to the Big 12. West Virginia has filed a lawsuit against the Big East in an attempt to leave early. Under its current contract, the Big East has a 27-month waiting period to leave. METRO

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▶ Fran Dunphy and Temple won't be joining the Big East conference for basketball or football anytime soon.

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While he may not play that night, since he's recovering from a right knee injury for the second consecutive year, the 6-foot-5 forward is anxious to get back as soon as possible.

"I'm going to be fine," Robinson said. "It was just a meniscus injury and I'm going to be all good. I've been working really hard to come back because this is it for me. I think we're as talented as anyone in the country."

Robinson averaged 9.4 points and 4.9 rebounds in 31 games for Pittsburgh last season. The Panthers won the Big East regular-season title with a 15-3 record, finished 28-6 and earned an NCAA tournament berth for the 10th straight season.

Robinson is sure hoping an 11th consecutive bid will ultimately end with a national championship.

"That's the goal, to be the last one standing," Robinson said. "For me, it's my last shot, so I want to make the most of it."

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▶ Robinson averaged 9.4 points per game last season.

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With the housing market down, it's harder to sell your home than ever before Whether you're staying put for a few more years or wooing potential buyers, we've got easy tips to make your old place feel like new

For homeowners stuck in a selling stalling pattern, don't just kick back and let the place crumble until you move. Instead, ask these two questions:

Do I really need to move right now, and why didn't it sell? Then, take action, advises Jeff Kaliner, founder and CEO of Philadelphia-based Power Home Remodeling Group, which has branches throughout the Northeast and specializes in siding and windows.

"First, decide whether you want to increase the home's appeal to sell it, or to make it more comfy for you and your family," says Kaliner. Any makeover will add new appeal to a home you have tired of, plus, it'll add eye appeal when you decide to put it back on the market. "You don't have to spend a lot of money," he says. "[There are] many things you can do yourself." Kaliner gives us some ideas.

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Replace fixtures and fittings
Whether it's light fittings or bathroom fixtures, replacing old tatty ones or matching up finishes is a simple way to streamline a room. "You can change from shiny brass to oil rubbed, or something like that," he suggests. "It makes a huge difference inside."

Replace doorknobs
This is another easy way to change the look of a room, or the whole house. "This is such a simple thing. You can change cabinet knobs or doorknobs throughout," he says.

Wash exterior walls
Mold, dirt and discoloration can make paintwork and siding look unappealing. "Maybe you don't need new siding or even new paint. I just power-washed my house and it looks like new," says Kaliner.

Keep up with repairs
Whether you decide to stay or keep trying to sell, if your home needs some love, get to it. "You don't always get a 100 percent return on what you spend," says Kaliner. "Rather than increase the value, a well-kept home means you haven't allowed value to decrease."

Do some landscaping
"Clean up! This increases curb appeal," says Kaliner. "It's something you can do yourself. Do some planting, cut shrubs and clear the bicycles off the lawn."

Install new windows
Not only does it look better; you cut your home's energy use. "If everyone in your neighborhood has new windows and you don't, your home is at a disadvantage," he says.

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HIPSTERS INVADE CHESTNUT HILL

Contemporary decor boutique Hipster Home has relocated to Germantown Avenue Despite the name, the stylish store has something for everyone

After four years in Phoenixville, Hipster Home just relocated to Germantown Avenue in the Chestnut Hill section of the city. The new store, according to Dave Friday — who owns it with his longtime girlfriend Lindsay Herman — offers "classic contemporary pieces" that are "design forward, but still functional" and "not down the trendy path."

Actually, that doesn't sound hipster at all.

"The name is definitely tongue-in-cheek," Friday explains. "It's just our sense of humor. Not everyone gets it." A similar sensibility went into the naming of Kung Fu Necktie, a bar in Fishtown co-owned by Herman's brother, he adds.

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